

Table F-6. Median salary of full-time employed 1995 and 1996 master's degree recipients, by broad sector of employment and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total	Broad sector of employment		
		Private industry and business ¹	Educational institution	Government
All science and engineering fields.....	\$42,000	\$45,000	\$32,500	\$42,000
Major type				
Total science.....	37,400	40,000	32,000	37,400
Total engineering.....	48,500	49,000	40,000	48,000
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	50,000	50,000	36,500	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	32,000	35,000	30,000	32,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	31,000	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	32,000	34,000	30,000	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	36,000	36,000	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	40,000	43,000	33,000	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	35,000	40,000	28,000	40,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	31,500	39,500	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	32,000	32,000	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	41,000	45,400	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	30,000	30,000	32,500	29,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	35,000	35,000	32,000	40,000
Economics.....	40,000	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	35,000	35,000	S	40,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	28,000	S	S	S
Other social sciences.....	36,000	35,000	34,000	42,000
Engineering, total.....	48,500	49,000	40,000	48,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	48,000	45,000	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	49,000	49,000	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	40,000	38,000	S	47,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	54,000	55,000	S	50,000
Industrial engineering.....	49,000	50,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	47,000	47,000	S	S
Other engineering.....	47,500	47,500	S	45,000

¹Nonprofit (excluding educational institutions) are included with private industry and business.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTE: Salary data for the following groups are not included in the table: self-employed persons, full-time students, and people whose principal job was less than 35 hours per week. Salary data are for principal job only.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997

